

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

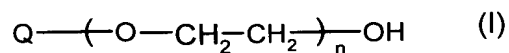
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) A method for improving the penetration of a herbicidally active triazolinone into a plant comprising:

applying to a plant and/or a habitat of said plant, a penetrant compound comprising an alcohol ethoxylate represented by the formula (I)



in which

n represents 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and

Q represents a branched tridecyl radical,  
and one or more herbicidally active triazolinones.

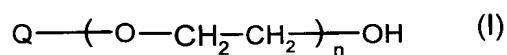
Claim 18. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 17 wherein n represents 6.

Claim 19. (Previously Presented) The method according to any one of Claims 17 or 18 wherein Q is isotridecyl.

Claim 20. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 19, wherein said triazolinone is flucarbazone-sodium or propoxycarbazone-sodium.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) A herbicidally active formulation comprising:

a) an alcohol ethoxylate penetration enhancing compound represented by the formula (I)



in which

n represents 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and

Q represents a branched tridecyl radical,

and

b) one or more herbicidally active triazolinones,

wherein said compound of the formula (I) is present in a concentration of from 0.1 to ~~about~~ 95% by weight.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) The formulation of Claim 21 wherein the weight ratio of said one or more triazolinones to said compound of the formula (I) is from ~~about~~ 1:0.5 to ~~about~~ 1:5.

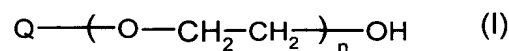
Claim 23. (Previously Presented) The formulation according to Claim 22 wherein said triazolinone is flucarbazone-sodium or propoxycarbazone-sodium.

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) The formulation according to any of Claims 21 to 23 wherein Q is isotridecyl.

Claim 25. (Previously Presented) The formulation according to Claim 24 wherein n is 6.

Claim 26. (Previously Presented) A plant treatment composition comprising:

a) an alcohol ethoxylate represented by the formula (I)



in which

n represents 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and

Q represents a branched tridecyl radical,

and

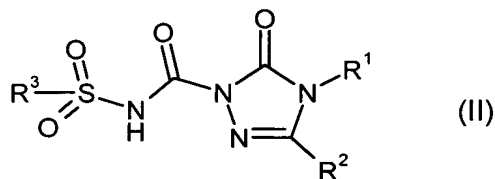
b) one or more triazolinones.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) The plant treatment composition of Claim 26 wherein n is 6, Q is isotridecyl and said triazolinone is flucarbazone-sodium or propoxycarbazone-sodium.

Claim 28. (Currently Amended) The plant treatment composition according to either of Claim 26 or 27 comprising:

- a) from about 0.1 to about 95% by weight of the compound of the formula (I),
- b) from about 0.1 to about 95% by weight of said triazolinone, and
- c) from about 4.9 to about 80% by weight of one or more additives.

Claim 29. (Previously Presented) The plant treatment composition according to Claim 26, wherein the triazolinone is a compound of the formula (II)



in which

$R^1$  represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkylideneamino, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkylamino or dialkylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl or cycloalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and, if appropriate, 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, nitro-, halogen-,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl-,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkyl-,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy- or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkoxy-substituted phenyl or phenyl- $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,

$R^2$  represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, mercapto, amino, cyano, halogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, alkenylthio, alkynylthio, alkenylamino or alkynylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylthio, cycloalkylamino or cycloalkylalkyl having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and, if appropriate, 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, nitro-, halogen-,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl-,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkyl-,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy- or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkoxy-substituted phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenylamino or phenyl- $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl, and

R<sup>3</sup> represents phenyl which is optionally substituted by nitro, cyano, halogen, by in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl, alkylamino, alkenyl, alkenyloxy, alkenylthio, alkenylamino, alkynyl, alkynyloxy, alkynylthio having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms, by in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylthio, cycloalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups, or by in each case optionally cyano-, nitro-, halogen-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl-, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy- or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy-substituted phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenylsulphinyl, phenylsulphonyl or phenylamino.

Claim 30. (Previously Presented) The plant treatment composition according to Claim 29, wherein in the formula (II)

R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen, amino, or represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, ethenyl, propenyl, ethynyl, propynyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino or ethylamino, represents dimethylamino, or represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, or methyl-substituted cyclopropyl,

R<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen, chlorine, bromine, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i- or s-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, ethenyl, propenyl, butenyl, ethynyl, propynyl, butynyl, propenyloxy, butenyloxy, propynyloxy, butynyloxy, propenylthio, butenylthio, propynylthio, butynylthio, propenylamino, butenylamino, propynylamino or butynylamino, or represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- or methyl-

substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy, cyclopropylthio, cyclobutylthio, cyclopentylthio, cyclohexylthio, cyclopropylamino, cyclobutylamino, cyclopentylamino, cyclohexylamino, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl or cyclohexylmethyl,

R<sup>3</sup> represents phenyl which is substituted by nitro, cyano, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, by in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, n- or i-propoxycarbonyl, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylsulphinyl, ethylsulphinyl, methylsulphonyl or ethylsulphonyl, by in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- or methyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy, cyclopropylthio, cyclobutylthio, cyclopentylthio or cyclohexylthio, or by in each case optionally cyano-, nitro-, fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n- or i-propyl-, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl-, trifluoromethyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, difluoromethoxy- or trifluoromethoxy-substituted phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenylsulphinyl or phenylsulphonyl.

Claim 31. (Previously Presented) The plant treatment composition according to Claim 30 wherein the triazolinone is flucarbazone-sodium or propoxycarbazone-sodium.

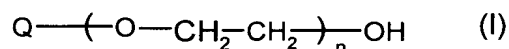
Claim 32. (Previously Presented) The plant treatment compositions according to Claim 30 wherein the triazolinone is propoxycarbazone-sodium.

Claim 33. (Currently Amended) The plant treatment composition according to Claim 26 wherein

- a) the content of the compound of the formula (I) is from ~~about~~ 0.5 to ~~about~~ 40% by weight,
- b) the content of said one or more triazolinones is from ~~about~~ 2.5 to ~~about~~ 70% by weight, and
- c) the content of said additives is from ~~about~~ 5 to ~~about~~ 50% by weight.

Claim 34. (Currently Amended) A ready-to-use plant treatment composition comprising

- a) of a compound of the formula (I)



in which

- n represents 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and
- Q represents a branched tridecyl radical in the range of from ~~about~~ 0.02 to ~~about~~ 0.25% by weight,
- b) a herbicidally active triazolinone in the range from ~~about~~ 0.01 to ~~about~~ 2% by weight, and
- c) one or more additives in the range from ~~about~~ 0% to ~~about~~ 99% by weight.

Claim 35. (Previously Presented) The ready-to-use plant treatment composition according to Claim 34 wherein said plant treatment composition is in the form of a spray liquor prepared by a tank-mix method.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented) A method for treating plants comprising allowing a compound according to Claim 17 or a formulation according to Claim 21 or a plant treatment composition according to Claim 26 to act on plants and/or their habitat.